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**RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of July 1 – July 5, 2019**

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on **Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for **Jul. 1-Jul. 5** must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Monday July 1 and by noon Tuesday July 2.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday July 1, Tuesday July 2, by noon Wednesday July 3, and by noon on Friday July 5.
- Raw meat samples will be accepted Monday July 1, Tuesday July 2, Wednesday July 3, and Friday July 5, however meat samples are pooled for efficiency, and tested generally once a week.
- Slaughter sponge samples are good for 24 hours per USDA. Sponges will be accepted for testing Monday July 1, and by noon Tuesday July 2, unless written extension provided to hold longer than 24 hours for testing.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday July 1, Tuesday July 2, Wednesday July 3, and Friday July 5, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Wet Storage samples will be accepted on Monday July 1 and by noon on Tuesday July 2.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as usual, and is scheduled for week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing by HPLC/PCOX is scheduled once a month, and is scheduled for week of July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Assistance is available with timing of samples collections, completion of submission forms, packaging, temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. Sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications, can be made to [DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov](mailto:DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov) or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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